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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILL MEET GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS STANDARDS REQUIRED BY NEW STATE LAW

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Policy Committees overwhelmingly recommended to the Regional Council the adoption of the 2012 – 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2012 – 2035 RTP/SCS.

Today, the Air Resources Board held a hearing in Sacramento to review the SCAG plan and take testimony to determine if the plan satisfied state law (SB 375). ARB has 60 days to approve the plan. SCAG officials testified at the hearing indicating that Southern California would see a 9% reduction per capita in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and 16% by 2035.

“Thank you to the thousands of stakeholders, including students, who over the past two years participated in public outreach meetings, either attended or forwarded comments during the planning process and shared their comments about the plan and PEIR in the nation’s first interactive online Draft RTP/SCS (iRTP),” commented SCAG President Pam O’Connor.

“The vision for this plan through 2035 encompasses three principles that collectively work as the key to our region’s future: mobility, economy and sustainability.”

“I would also like to thank all of the elected officials, and cities who they represent, for this true partnership in shaping our future,” said President O’Connor.

"This is the first time in our agency’s history when land use, transportation and housing planning all were included in the plan. Not only does the plan meet state and federal requirements for transportation and air quality, but it also identifies current and future funding options that address the challenges facing our region over the next couple of decades,” stated SCAG Executive Director, Hasan Ikhata.

The Proposed Final 2012 – 2035 RTP/SCS and Proposed Final PEIR are all available online at www.scag.ca.gov.

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About SCAG

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG’s regional efforts, please visit www.scag.ca.gov.